

Appl. No.: 10/077,525
Amdt. Dated: February 28, 2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3 - 20 remain in this application. Claims 3, 4, & 11 - 20 have been amended.
Claims 1, 2, & 7 - 10 have been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

1. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated the subject matter of claims 3, 5, and 6 are patentable, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has now been rewritten in independent form with all other claims depending from Claim 3, such that all remaining claims should be allowable.

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

February 28, 2005
Date

<p>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper and any papers referred to herein are being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306 on:</p> <p><u>February 28, 2005</u> Date</p> <p><u>Juliana Agon</u> <u>2/28/05</u> Juliana Agon Date</p>
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